

that an old woman who had been standing there a long time without being disturbed by the blows, and possibly without being aware that work was going on at all, fell to the ground and had to be assisted by the unfortunate swinger of the sledge.

We would suggest that a signboard be stuck up, informing the public that work is going on.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Dec. 9th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 7th.—Australia rejoices for Ireland's sake, for her own sake and for the Empires sake". Mr. Hughes cabled the message of the Prime Minister on the success of the negotiations on Ireland. Cheers were raised by the members of the House of Representatives when a cablegram from Mr. Lloyd George was read announcing the Irish settlement. The National Anthem was sung, the visitors in the galleries joining in. The cheering was renewed when Mr. Hughes described Ireland as "Our new sister dominion, whom we heartily welcome, and to whom we wish prosperity". The newspaper comment is a chorus of jubilation. In the Senate there were scenes of enthusiasm, similar to those enacted in the House of Representatives. Many speeches were delivered by Senators, expressing gratification over the settlement of the controversy. All the state Premiers have issued statements expressive of satisfaction over the agreement.

St. Johns N. F., Dec. 7th.—All today reports have been reaching St. Johns over the wires of awful damage done on the Newfoundland coast by a storm which sprung up suddenly on Monday night, and raged for hours with almost unprecedented violence. The tenor of the reports to hand rouses apprehension that scores of lives have been lost at various points. So far as known at present the death-list totals 165. Although, as sailors say, "the bottom fell out of the glass" in this city on Monday night and an unusually low barometric pressure, followed by a rapid rise, gave warning of a strong blow, the storm, that followed was short-lived in this section and beyond knocking shipping in the harbour about a bit and blowing down a few chimney tops and telegraph poles, it did comparatively little damage in St. Johns or its environments.

London, Dec. 8th.—The Archbishop of Canterbury writes. "Tens of thousands of Christian folk today are thanking God for the nearer approach of peace and goodwill among the people of Ireland. Much has still to be examined and tested ere we reach firm ground and we ask for the spirit of wise counsel and strength. But today the note is one of thanksgiving and it should ring out publicly and privately, as opportunity may be given.

"The Duke of Northumberland says, 'I remain of the opinion that the settlement will fail'. The Bishop of Clogher in an interview said. 'It seems to be an excellent settlement. I hope the northern counties will throw in their lot with the rest of Ireland.'"

Washington, Dec. 8th.—The Japanese Government has accepted the proposal for a quadruple understanding in the Pacific, an authorized British spokesman said today. The British spokesman said the "5-5-3" ratio proposition with regard to capital ships was in some way related to a complete settlement, and that this proposition had not yet been accepted by the Japanese Government.

London, Dec. 8th.—According to a Reuter cable from Bikanir, the Prince of Wales who yesterday said "Good bye" to that state, achieved wonderful popularity there, largely attributable, according to a court official, to his gracious courtesy. The natives of Bikanir invariably salute persons of high rank three successive times and Europeans commonly respond only once. The fact that the Prince never fails to return each salutation had made a profound impression on the people, with whom such apparent trifles counts far more than is generally realized.

Rangoon, (Burma,) Dec. 8th.—Speaking to the legislature today, Lieut. Governor Sir R. H. Craddock condemned the efforts of what he termed "a dissatisfied clique", to organize a boycott on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales, by means of intimidation. The Lieut. Governor announced that in order to prevent a recurrence of the violence which occurred during the stay of the Prince in Bombay, it had been decided to intern the leaders of the movement, here. He expressed confidence that a majority of the Burmans would welcome the Prince as cordially as he had been welcomed in other communities.

Grenada, Dec. 7th.—French warship "Jeanne D'Arc" arrived here at 10.30 today.

Jamaica, Dec. 8th.—It has been decided that Jamaica shall be represented at the forthcoming West Indian Conference in Trinidad and three delegates have been selected by the Legislative Council, viz: Hon. J. H. Phillips, member for St. Thomas, Hon. A. C. Nash, member for Manchester, Hon. H. A. L. Simpson, O. B. E., member for Kingston.

London, Dec. 8th.—An interview between Mr. Lloyd George and representatives of Ulster, for the elucidation of certain parts of the new Irish agreement, has not been definitely arranged, but it was considered quite likely at 10 Downing Street this morning that Sir James Craig, Lieut. Col. Spender, Secretary for the Ulster Cabinet, and Sir Ernest Clark, Under Secretary, would cross from Ire-

land tonight and see Mr. Lloyd George tomorrow.

London, Dec. 8th.—Mr. Arthur Griffith, head of the Irish delegation in the settlement negotiations, writes to Mr. Lloyd George that at a meeting he had with Southern Unionists he agreed that a scheme could be devised to give them a full share of representation in the first chamber of the Irish parliament and that as regards the upper Chamber "we will consult them on its constitution and undertake that their interests will be duly represented". I wish further to say, adds Mr. Griffith, "that we desire the willing co-operation of the unionists in common with all other sections of the Irish nation, in raising the structure and shaping the destiny of the Irish Free State. We look for their assistance in the same spirit of understanding and good-will which we ourselves will show towards their traditions and interests". A pathetic visitor at Downing Street yesterday was Viscount Long, who had been a strong supporter of Ulster's views. He was for a time Chief Secretary for Ireland, but retired from Government office. He is now crippled through illness, but came to congratulate Mr. Lloyd George on his success in the Irish negotiations. Mr. O'Connor Donalist member of parliament for Liverpool, rejoices at the peace settlement "as bringing with it incalculable results in the relations between the Irish Commonwealth and the United States, and in so doing helping every movement for future peace of the world and the disappearance of the butchery of war as the sole arbiter between nations".

New York, Dec. 8th.—There was renewed weakness in the local sugar market today and continued liberal offerings of uncontrolled new crop, Cuba's sales declining to 2 cents cost and freight, equal to 3.60 for centrifugal, or within 1 cent of the lowest price ever recorded.

Washington, Dec. 8th.—Complete abandonment of all forms of chemical warfare is understood to have been recommended to the United States Armament Conference delegation by its official advisory committee.

Cairo, Dec. 8th.—Adly Yeghen Pasha, the Premier, resigned from office today.

Washington, Dec. 8th.—The preliminary draft of the proposed four-power Pacific agreement is understood to include four clauses, the first of which declares that the agreement shall serve as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Allahabad, Dec. 8th.—The police today arrested a number of prominent nationalist leaders, including Pandit and Motifal Nebru, his son and two nephews and the editor of the "Allahabad Independent."

London, Dec. 8th.—The Irish correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" asserts that the Dail Eireann has given orders for the immediate demobilization of the Irish Republican army.